Ring of thread spools and buttons

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.9 × 4.9 in (12.4 × 12.4 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: charcoal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of charcoal cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

15 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Split stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
   Strings

2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands, color 13
   Spool rims



3. **Back stitch**, 2 strands, color 14
   Rim collars

4. **Straight stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15
   Crossing turns, button thread



5. **Stem stitch**, 1 strand, color 14
   Button rims

6. **Padded satin stitch**
   2 strands, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
   Wound thread, buttons



7. **French knot**
   1 strand, two wraps, color 15
   Button holes



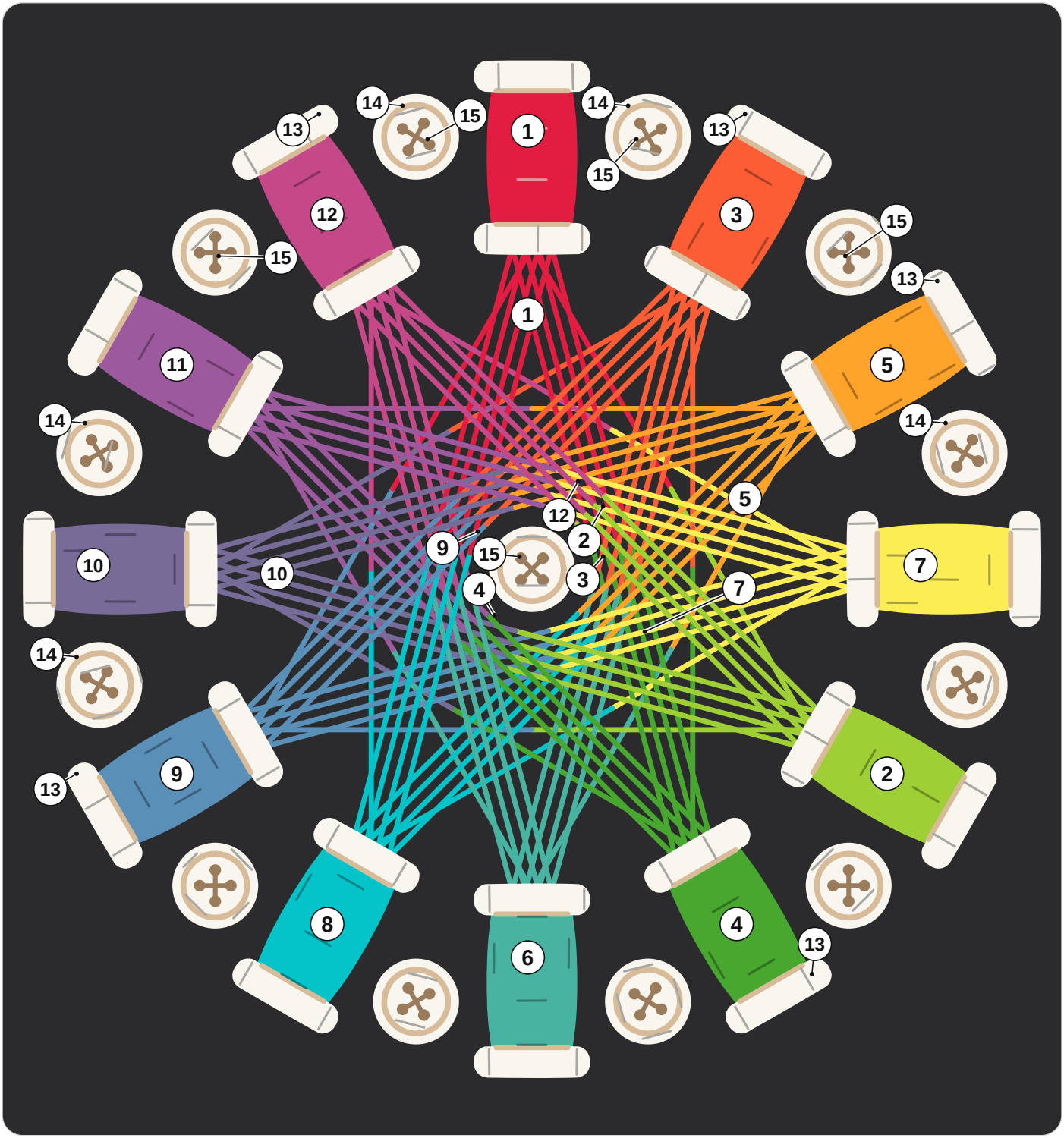
Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



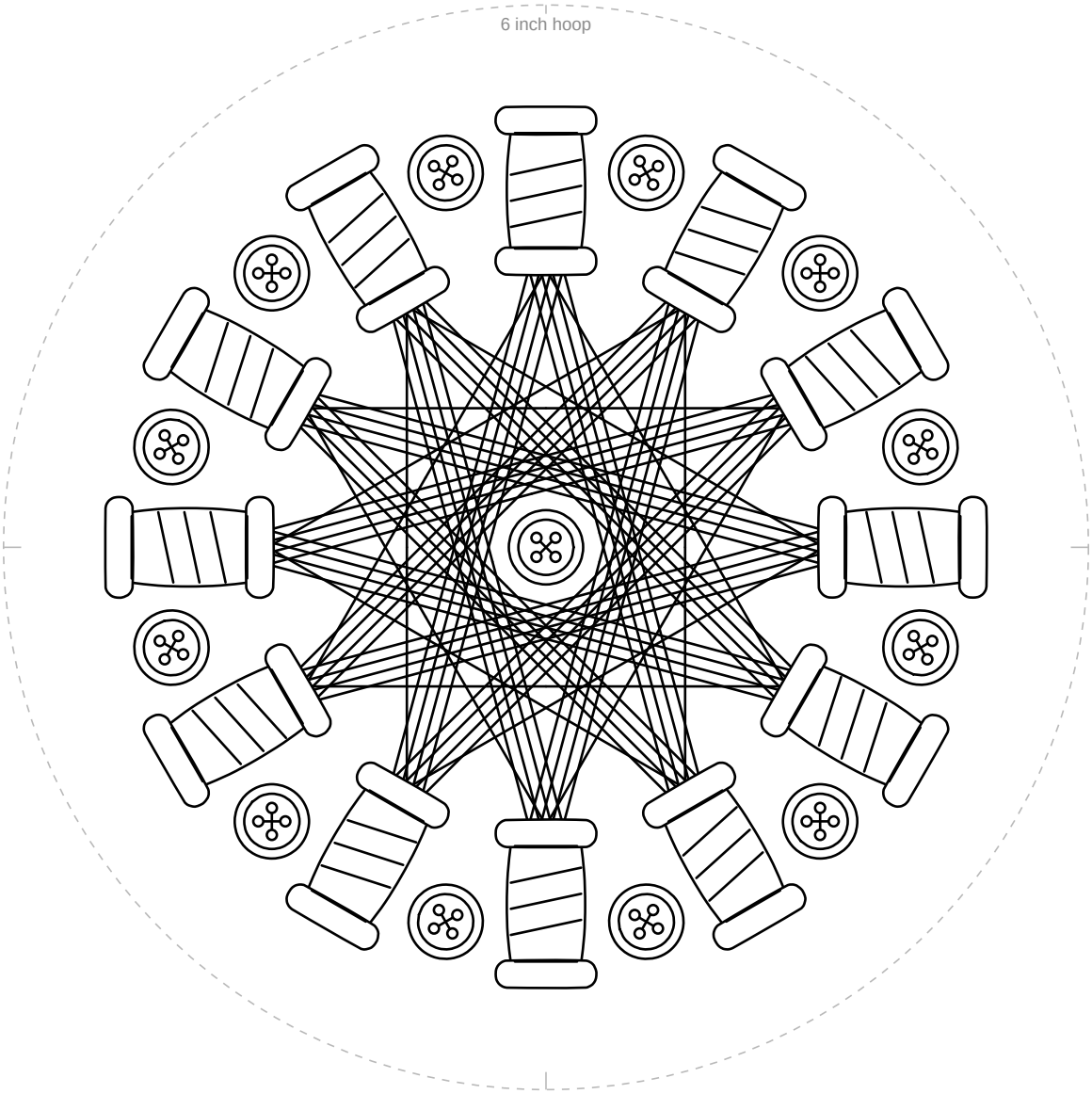
1	DMC 666 Bright Red	6	DMC 3851 Light Bright Green	11	DMC 33 Fuchsia
2	DMC 704 Bright Chartreuse	7	DMC 307 Lemon	12	DMC 3607 Light Plum
3	DMC 608 Bright Orange	8	DMC 3845 Medium Bright Turquoise	13	DMC 3865 Winter White
4	DMC 702 Kelly Green	9	DMC 322 Dark Baby Blue	14	DMC 3046 Medium Yellow Beige
5	DMC 741 Medium Tangerine	10	DMC 3746 Dark Blue Violet	15	DMC 840 Medium Beige Brown

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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